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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, AUSTRALIA, AUGUST 1982

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MAIN FEATURES

During August 1982 412,600 working days were lost in 220 disputes involving a total of 163,800 workers.

The main dispute involved public sector employees in Queensland and accounted for about 59 per cent of the total working days lost in August 1982.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

More detailed information about disputes appears in the quarterly publication *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (6322.0).

2. The statistics of industrial disputes are compiled according to the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC), described in *Australian Standard Industrial Classification, 1978, Vol. 1* (1201.0).

Coverage

3. The statistics refer only to disputes involving stoppages of work of ten man-days or more. Workers involved include workers directly and indirectly involved in disputes. Workers indirectly involved are those thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred, but who are not themselves parties to the dispute. Particulars of some stoppages (e.g. those involving a large number of establishments) may have been estimated and the statistics therefore should be regarded as giving a broad measure of the extent of stoppages of work (as defined).

4. Stoppages of work occurring at different times and at different establishments, but having a common cause may be regarded as one industrial dispute. However, an industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State and in the

total for Australia. The monthly statistics refer to all disputes operative in the month, including those disputes that commenced in previous months. In Table 1 details of the number of disputes and workers involved are shown separately for disputes beginning in the month and for all disputes. Average days lost per worker involved on a monthly basis are not comparable with the yearly averages, because workers involved are included in each month in which they are involved in disputes, while they are counted once only for each dispute in the annual statistics.

Related publications

5. Users may also wish to refer to the following publication:

Industrial Disputes, Australia (6322.0)—quarterly and annual.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary—figure subject to revision
- r revised
- nil or rounded to zero

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number of disputes		Workers involved ('000)		Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages(a) (\$'000)
	Commenced in period	Total(a)	Newly involved(b)	Total(a)	Number(a) ('000)	Average days per worker involved(c)	
1979	2,040	2,042	1,861.6	1,862.9	3,964.4	2.1	148,614
1980	2,420	2,429	1,165.2	1,172.8	3,320.2	2.8	152,022
1981	2,887	2,915	1,229.1	1,251.8	4,192.2	3.3	221,779
1981—							
July	263	354	95.0	171.7	510.8	3.0	26,295
August	233	311	77.6	113.0	237.1	2.1	12,865
September	299	360	106.2	141.6	342.2	2.4	19,889
October	291	363	139.9	178.5	517.6	2.9	26,713
November(d)	254	321	313.4	400.1	944.5	2.4	49,836
December	150	208	58.7	132.4	223.3	1.7	12,197
1982—							
January p	140	155	40.5	71.2	461.9	6.5	28,314
February p	r208	r222	80.8	85.6	131.9	1.5	7,583
March p	204	r224	49.3	76.4	156.4	2.0	9,243
April p	r137	170	32.9	59.4	107.4	1.8	6,623
May p	182	204	66.4	71.6	117.8	1.6	6,740
June p	180	201	49.5	58.4	81.6	1.4	4,909
July p	204	233	72.8	105.1	198.8	1.9	12,941
August p	193	220	133.0	163.8	412.6	2.5	24,675

(a) Refers to all disputes in progress during the period. (b) Comprises workers involved in disputes which commenced during the month and additional workers involved in disputes which continued from the previous month. (c) Monthly figures are not comparable with yearly figures. (d) Excludes employees stood down as a result of a dispute involving meat inspectors.

TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES(a) : INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

Period	Mining		Manufacturing		Construction	Transport and storage; Communication		Other industries (b)	All industries
	Coal	Other	Metal products, machinery and equipment	Other		Stevedoring services	Other		
1979	232.6	283.6	929.7	749.0	359.7	114.3	435.8	859.7	3,964.4
1980	710.7	197.7	615.9	728.4	217.9	73.4	142.5	633.7	3,320.2
1981	318.3	307.4	1,221.6	654.1	441.9	59.3	406.2	783.3	4,192.2
1981—									
July	32.1	35.9	74.2	54.0	59.8	0.3	142.9	111.5	510.8
August	26.1	28.3	62.2	36.8	21.5	0.8	19.7	41.7	237.1
September	36.6	36.1	144.6	69.1	11.9	1.6	9.5	32.8	342.2
October	14.5	22.6	179.4	100.0	86.6	7.7	22.2	84.6	517.6
November(c)	93.6	27.2	293.8	222.9	119.2	9.6	17.6	160.6	944.5
December	17.5	9.8	24.3	25.4	6.5	14.5	27.7	97.5	223.3
1982—									
January p	395.1	10.1	15.3	15.8	7.8	3.9	2.2	11.8	461.9
February p	6.7	8.0	17.2	10.8	23.8	0.6	35.1	29.8	131.9
March p	6.9	24.0	8.9	19.5	29.2	0.2	9.4	58.3	156.4
April p	3.4	35.0	11.6	15.6	11.5	0.5	15.9	13.7	107.4
May p	8.1	10.2	26.7	33.4	18.6	2.4	4.7	13.8	117.8
June p	9.1	2.8	12.4	19.4	16.3	3.0	4.6	13.9	81.6
July p	31.7	10.5	16.4	13.1	29.8	0.8	30.5	66.0	198.8
August p	14.9	13.4	35.2	63.8	42.1	3.9	162.8	76.7	412.6

(a) Refers to all disputes in progress during the period. (b) ASIC divisions A, D, F, I to L. (c) See footnote (d) to Table 1.

TABLE 3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES(a) : WORKING DAYS LOST ('000)

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
1979	1,369.9	1,486.1	467.9	186.5	348.1	59.8	3,964.4
1980	1,208.6	1,115.4	618.7	59.4	191.0	91.5	3,320.2
1981	1,918.6	1,235.5	465.8	158.8	244.0	64.3	4,192.2
1981—							
July	129.1	132.9	89.6	48.3	64.0	18.7	510.8
August	109.3	44.5	37.6	6.5	24.3	5.7	237.1
September	148.2	105.9	39.1	7.6	20.4	6.9	342.2
October	198.8	233.1	27.6	17.3	20.0	8.6	517.6
November(c)	450.8	381.2	58.9	21.5	19.7	11.2	944.5
December	117.7	61.3	9.1	11.6	11.6	4.2	223.3
1982—							
January p	356.0	14.1	63.6	3.4	19.6	3.8	461.9
February p	57.2	20.1	27.6	11.0	13.5	0.5	131.9
March p	72.6	16.0	24.5	7.7	22.3	2.4	156.4
April p	29.9	11.9	18.9	4.4	27.9	13.5	107.4
May p	45.7	45.3	8.7	1.3	9.7	5.6	117.8
June p	40.2	15.7	12.8	2.7	8.3	0.4	81.6
July p	75.8	42.9	57.0	4.3	11.5	5.2	198.8
August p	73.2	38.5	263.7	19.1	15.1	1.6	412.6

(a) Refers to all disputes in progress during the period. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. (c) See footnote (d) to Table 1.